

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes June 12, 2017

Attending: Steve Egly, Council President; Councilor Greg Jones, Councilor James Miller, Councilor Mike Bird, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Beth Whitus, Town Attorney Eric Burns, Street Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk. Not attending, Clerk-Treasurer Georgia Jones.

Guests: Mollie Pennock, Dave Buck, Ryan Smith, Chuck Horner

Steve Egly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Additions to the agenda include street cut permit and town council compensation.

Guest Comment - Mollie Pennock requested a solution to persistent standing water in the street at her residence at 5947 Lookout Drive. Adjacent properties should not be draining sump pump water to that area because there is not a storm drain nearby. The street is deteriorating due to excessive water and ice. Mike Bird will contact neighbors to correct the issue.

Chuck Horner brought concerns regarding Northgate Drive and the addition of the Speedway diesel refueling station, and questions about the approval process for the impact on traffic and parking.

Ryan Smith and Dave Buck presented the council a supplemental agreement from Butler Fairman and Seufert for services related to the current order for Stormwater Utility Creation, including services for additional public involvement and property data clarification and delineation between Town and Conservancy District uses.

Motion by Greg Jones to accept the agreement with Butler Fairman and Seufert for compensation not to exceed \$2500.00. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

Dave Buck is completing research on a proposed sewage main serving the northeast corner of 600 North and potential additional properties in that area.

He will be communicating with the homeowner at 2636 E 600 North with a response from the County Health Department whether a septic system at that location would be legal after a connection has once been made to public sewer.

Department Reports

Sewage

Ron Holladay reports multiple re-locates for construction at River Bluffs due to the number of contractors calling in locates for the same property. Huston Electric was called to replace a blown fuse at River Bluffs, possibly due to a surge after power reconnect when Tipmont worked on lines at that location.

Discussion of the need to have a replacement for the salt barn, and potentially a more central location. There is no room for our current salt contract obligation to be delivered. The sewage plant parcel will be evaluated for a possible building site and research assembled for dimension requirements and comparison construction costs.

Hawks Nest pump #1 needs a new impeller to improve performance. Motion by Steve to approve the quote from Fluke for a replacement impeller not to exceed \$4040.00. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

Street Department

Tippecanoe County has confirmed West Nile virus and the town's protocol is to initiate evening mosquito misting on Monday/Wednesday for historic Battle Ground and Tuesday/Thursday for the subdivisions on 600 North.

Ron requests an increase in part time hours, to cover summer workload which includes the added misting hours. Larry Bickett is approved to operate the misting machine if he is in contact with the certified applicator, which is Ron.

Police

Mark Petty, representing MGM Plaza LLC requests the Town Marshal to enforce no trespassing now that there is cleanup and construction activity at 5500 SR 43 North. The company will secure the property with a fence and locked gate, creating separate access to the communication tower.

Reith Riley needs parking space for machinery on the State Road 43 project. They have permission from MGM Plaza to use the east side of their private drive, in return for filling potholes in the private road.

An ordinance violation has been issued for 6007 Battlevue, requiring 10 day notice to remove abandoned motor vehicle. A violation on Tomahawk will be corrected. Representatives for property owner Vincent Boehning et al will be contacted about mowing Northgate commercial lots.

New Deputy Ben Beutler had a training day in advance of his new duties.

Town Attorney

The town's street cut permit needs clarification concerning a maintenance bond requirement and hold harmless language. Eric will contact the clerk-treasurer.

Eric will provide requirements for appointing a new councilman. One question is whether an appointee must currently be a registered voter, also what is the minimum length of residency. An announcement of vacancy and application process will be distributed in the appropriate ward.

The Shawnee Ridge Homeowners Association has not responded to our request to identify the new HOA president. The deeds for transfer of outlots have been set aside pending this information.

Clerk-Treasurer

Motion to approve minutes of May 8 and June 5 by James Miller, with second of Mike Bird. Motion carried, 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

Motion to approve register of vouchers by James Miller, with second of Mike Bird. Motion carried, 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

Area Plan

Motion by Greg Jones to approve Ordinance 2017-557, Amendment #10 to the Unified Subdivision Ordinance No. 169, Revising the Filing Requirements for Parcelization Applications. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 4 Aye 0 Nay.

Discussion of property replat for commercial development at the corner of CR600 and SR 43 North.

Area Plan requires two lots be combined prior to the sale transaction. The engineering research calls for a new sewer main, causing the replat to fall in the category of major rather than minor subdivision.

Committees

Streets and Roads Committee reports that Speedway has agreed to cover 100% of the expense to reconstruct Northgate Drive to specifications needed for traffic to their refueling station.

Communication Committee used Next Door to advise residents of the road closure on 600 North hill.

Old Business - none

New Business

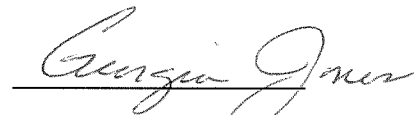
Mandy Smith makes a claim to the town for repairs to her car after hitting a pothole on Main Street. This will be referred to the town's carrier, Selective Insurance Company.

Discussion of ordinance addressing repairs to sanitary sewage lines is tabled.

Discussion of Councilman compensation is tabled.

The Fiddlers Gathering issued complimentary single event passes to the Town Council for June 23-25 event.

Motion to adjourn 9:00 p.m. by James Miller, second of Mike Bird.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Steve Egly, Council President